

BRARA Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 4-July-2020 Location: via Zoom Start Time: 12.05pm

Attendance:

Bruce KO4XL, George WA2VNV, Jeff K4BH, Michael W2RT, Jay N2ELG, Michael K8BQ, Bonnie KC2JVS, John N1QFH

The following items were discussed and actions assigned:

OVERVIEW

This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

FACILITY OPENING PLANS AND LOGISTICS

Bruce updated the board on PBC's response: we have their approval with no modifications or adjustments to the plan. Bruce did say there may be other future county changes given current COVID-19 status. The board discussed current status of COVID-19 with over 11,000 confirmed cases in Florida and facility opening plans. Jeff.S said we need to be assured the shack is cleaned in case it needs to be used pending a hurricane.

MOTION: Motion by Jeff.S and 2nd by John.C to delay opening the facility until the COVID-19 recovery is stabilized; unanimously approved.

ACTION: John.C will attempt to replace AC filter with heap-filter

ACTION: Bruce will write-up a statement for pubic and members

2020 FIELD DAY

Bruce updated the board on submissions given to him and he'll wait after ARRL submissions closes before tabulating. Bruce also suggested we do an inter-club challenge. In some PBC parks, operators were asked to leave. More details will be forthcoming.

ACTION: John will draft for members how to submit ARRL results with BRARA as club. Jeff.S will review the communication to ensure all aspects are covered. Also ensure member send results to ARRL and copy sent to Bruce ko4xl@brara.org.

PAYPAL

ACTION: Via Zoom, Bruce and John.C will provide PayPal website capability

ACTION: Bruce to create secondary logon

ACTION: Bruce to generate PayPal report for Patrick

DMR MICROWAVE PROJECT

ACTION: Art, Lew, and Jerry will relocate dish on 2m or 70cm antenna

ACTION: Jerry to determine when the dish relocation can occur and advise Art, George and Lew

REMOTE STATION

Erik.R was planned to present during this meeting. We'll reschedule his zoom visit. The device he suggested we research is the Verizon IRB600C.

ACTION: Jeff.R will research and replace shack Wi-Fi via TechSoup.

ACTION: John.C will pilot proof of concept at station-3 at the shack as client and host using RemoteHams.com

REPEATER STATUS

Art and Lew have been addressing coax, connectors and amplifier issues. The amp remains offline. DMR repeater is working normally. George and Bruce shared how to automate power up at the FAU site and one option is known as NetReset. George said we may also want to reboot the repeater when a power failure occurs. Jerry.Z needs to weigh in on these options and his thoughts given the power failures. John.C gave update on assets at Boca hospital and the packet assets at the hospital. If we moved it to the shack, George suggested we use the packet node on the disk cone. Bruce suggested we move the APRS to the shack. Mike said APRS has a forward capability and may not need IP.

ACTION: Bruce to connect with Lew to update our DMR repeater details on database (FL spectrum coordinator FSMA)

ACTION: John.C to connect with Ricky.E and Kenny.H on Boca hospital to remove club assets

ACTION: Art and Lew to continue site repairs

SATELLITE PROJECT

ACTION: Satellite team look into refurbishing rotors

ACTION: Relocate fan-dipole antenna that may block the satellite system

1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

ACTION: Bruce will send letter

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AED UPDATE

ACTION: Jerry will continue linkage with PBC and Life Safety Solutions for AED

BADGES

One member has asked to be reimbursed for shirt and badge payments. The membership form must be changed to remove these two items.

ACTION: Bruce to follow-up with potential suppliers of badges and shirts

ACTION: Update logo to remove white background to transparent

ACTION: John.C will get list of people paid for badges and shirts and hand to Bruce for action.

TRAINING AND TESTING

ACTION: Jay, Jeff.R, Roger, Al to define DMR curriculum

ACTION: Jerry will send request for VE's a week before the testing

ACTION: Jerry will connect with Barry KB1PA on how and if BRARA may use remote testing

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

We reviewed having board members signing up for welfare check. Bruce will announce at general meeting.

ACTION: Board to define nominating committee for 2020 director elections by June

ACTION: John.C will continue training with Michael K8BQ admin tasks

ACTION: Patrick and Bonnie to continue knowledge exchange

ACTION: John.C will follow-up on board welfare checks.

EQUIPMENT STATUS

We discussed holding a Zoom auction and the logistics needed to make this happen. Bruce raised issue of lag in Zoom when depending on member responses. Jay entered message and time stamp appear and this may solve the lag problem. Michael suggested combining this with the monthly member meeting as the presentation.

ACTION: Define members on Equipment Liquidation Committee (ELC).

ACTION: John.C to work with ELC to set a Sunday in April.

ACTION: Jay will continue reviving laptops and desktops

ACTION: John.C will video the various pieces of gear for a Zoom auction.

THE SHACK

John.C moved cabinet in VHF room back to the shed.

ACTION: Jerry to rekey storage room locks and distribute

ACTION: Jeff.R and Bruce to coordinate training and rekeying shack and gate

ACTION: John.C to install di-pole lightening protectors

ACTION: John.C will draft shack opening plans for all board members to review and critique

ACTION: Jeff.R will change shack door combination

PROJECTS

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- Satellite System
- Repair Ameritron HF Amplifier
- Acquire AED for The Shack
- Mud free Shack Pathway

New project: Look into defining a team and setting up IP FAU-to-Shack

Suggested team: George and Jerry.Z for the IP connection

ACTION: John.C to update project and task list for board review

ACTION: Jerry.Z and George to partner to get dish at the repeater site and the shack

PRESENTERS

July - Kai Siwiak KE4PT will present NVIS Propagation

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OTHER ITEMS

Bruce reviewed conversation he had with spouse of operator (sk) and how best to handle disposing of the radio gear. Jeff.S suggested websites to list the gear. The board had a discussion how best to handle and various concerns. Bruce will update the board when he get more details from the widow. John.C reviewed plans to move NBEMS from Monday to Wednesday at same time 8pm. John.C is setting up a Google Group and needs board members to reply. Bruce updated on the Yahoo group tech support and how its related to BRARA emails.

ACTION: Bruce will continue addressing refrigerator repair

ACTION: John.C to investigate how to use list servers or groups.io to address member ASAP com

ACTION: Bruce will connect with Jerry.Z on club email server, AED and microwave to the shack

ACTION: John.C will continue piloting Google Groups for only the board.

Next Board meeting: Wednesday 6.00pm 22-July 2020, via Zoom virtual meeting

Adjourn: Motion by George and 2nd by Jeff to adjourn at 2.05pm and zoom ended

Respectfully submitted

John Cole N1QFH / Secretary